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SUBJ: ARAFAT PLEDGES PALESTINE REVOLUTION WILL LIVE ON - COMMENT

REF: KUWAIT 0711

1. REFTTEL PROVIDED GIST OF ARAFAT SPEECH AS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS. ACCOUNTS GENERALLY FOCUSED ON DIFFERENT POINTS, BUT ALL AFFIRMED THEME THAT REVOLUTION WOULD LIVE ON. IN ONE VERSION, ARAFAT REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED ARAB MASS MEDIA, ESPECIALLY KUWAIT ARABIC DAILY AL-SIYASSA (BY IMPLICATION), CLAIMING MEDIA HAD "DISTORTED FACTS AND DRIVEN PEOPLE TO TOTAL DESPAIR AT VERY BEGINNING OF OCTOBER WAR."

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2. ALTHOUGH ARAFAT WAS TALKING TO SYMPATHETIC AUDIENCE AND GIVING THEM KIND OF "PEP TALK" THEY PRESUMABLY LIKE TO HEAR, SENIOR PALESTINIANS HERE FELT THAT ARAFAT LOST SOMETHING OF HIS POSITION WITH HIS "BUNCH OF RHETORIC." THEY WERE GENRALLY MUCH MORE IMPRESSED BY SALEH KHALAF (KUWAIT 0556) WHO, THEY BELIEVE, WAS TELLING THEM WHAT PLO POSITION REALLY WAS AND WHO, THEREFORE, CAME THROUGH STRONGER AND WITH WIDER APPEAL.
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